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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR, AF

SUBJECT: POPPY CULTIVATION IN HELMAND VALLEY

1. CONSTABLE, NEA/PAB, TOOK OCCASION OF LUNCH WITH AFGHAN AMBASSADOR MALIKYAR DEC. 5 TO EMPHASIZE OUR CONCERN OVER CULTIVATION OF OPIUM POPPIES IN HELMAND VALLEY. CONSTABLE STRESSED DIFFICULTY USG AND OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE IN FINDING OTHER POPPY CULTIVATION CONTROL PROJECTS ELSEWHERE IN AFGHANISTAN WHILE POPPIES CONTINUE TO GROW IN HELMAND WHERE USG HAS LONG PROVIDED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. CONSTABLE EXPRESSED HOPE GOA WOULD MOVE FORCEFULLY TO ELIMINATE CULTIVATION IN THIS REASONABLY ACCESSIBLE AREA AS DEMONSTRATION AFGHAN WILLINGNESS AND ABILITY TO COOPERATE EFFECTIVELY IN NARCOTICS CONTROL PROJECTS.

2. MALIKYAR NOTED HIS AWARENESS OF HELMAND VALLEY PROBLEM AND SAID HE HAD FILED "STRONG" REPORT ON USG CONCERN LAST JUNE TO SHAFIQ GOVERNMENT. MALIKYAR WAS AWARE OF GAO REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT- HE WAS ALSO BRIEFED DURING LUNCH ON RECENT GAO TEAM VISIT TO AFGHANISTAN AND PROBABILITY
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OF FUTURE PUBLIC REPORT ON TEAM'S FINDINGS. HE SAID HE

WOULD RELAY OUR CONTINUING CONCERNS THIS SUBJECT TO KABUL.
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